

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 4, 14-16, and 27-29. Claims 2, 7-10, 12, 13, 18-21, and 23-26 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-6, 11, 14-17, 22, and 27-29 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

5.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 11, 14, 16, 17, 22, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haberman, et al. (US 6,035,197) in view of Lind, et al. (US 6,163,694).

In the telephone interview conducted on September 6, 2006, the Examiner agreed that the amendments herein overcome the § 103 rejection based on the combination of Haberman and Lind. Therefore, the withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of amended claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 11, 14, 16, 17, 22, and 28 are respectfully requested.

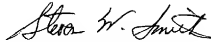
On page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 27 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haberman in view of Lind, and further in view of Rinne et al. (US 6,574,473). The Examiner cited Rinne for disclosing multiple radio network controllers each with a plurality of base stations. However, the combination of Haberman, Lind, and Rinne does not establish a prima facie case of obviousness because, as agreed in the telephone interview, the combination of Haberman and Lind does not teach or suggest the other limitations of the claims. Therefore, the withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of amended claims 27 and 29 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 3-6, 11, 14-17, 22, and 27-29.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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